

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 14 April 2008.

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Item 1. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1900 hours, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Pasek, Ulm, Knutson, Wally, Riggs, Bretz, Vandover, Myrick, Smith and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 10.
- Group members Bowen, Crocker and Hertel were absent, but excused.
- Group members Fligg and Mulholland were absent, not excused.
- The minutes of the meeting on 10 March 2008 required corrections to Item 4 (change "Moto" to "Muto") and to Item 8 (change "Harrison" to "Harbison").
- Pat Ulm moved that the Group approves the corrected minutes for the 10 March meeting. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Pasek).
- There were no requests for expense reimbursement.

Item 2. Announcements. Chairman Riggs announced that:

- Department of Parks and Recreation has responded to the Group's request to have Old Ironsides Park sign relocated to improve traffic safety and it will relocate the sign within the next month.
- Department of Public Works will poll all of the residents along Rosalie Way as the first step in responding to the Group's request to resolve safety issues and conflicts associated with parking along the street shoulders.
- Department of Public Works has responded to the Group's concern about flooding and debris flow onto Harbison Canyon Road uphill from the Swallows by noting that the rainy season flooding is over.

Item 3a. Open Forum.

- Kandy Franklin-Collins (Crest) thanked the Planning Group for its letter of support for the Crest Fire Safe Council grant proposal and stated that a \$208,000 grant had been awarded to the Crest group to fund its proposal. She invited everyone to attend the formal announcements and presentations of Fire Safe Council grants on 25 April, 10 am, at Kit Carson Park. Kandy also reported that the County Department of Parks and Recreation had contacted her to discuss possible installation of split rail fencing at South Lane Park, and she asked if the Planning Group had been contacted about this also. (Chairman Riggs responded that the Planning Group had not been contacted about this.)
- Mary Manning (Harbison Canyon) invited anyone interested to join the Harbison Canyon Lion's Club "24-hour Walk for Life" in memory of cancer deaths, as participants in the "Alpine Relay for Life" that will be conducted from 9 am, June 21 until 9 am June 22. Mary also thanked the Planning Group members for their consideration of local issues, but stated that the Group's decision to remove the Second Gazebo project from the Old Ironsides Park PLDO priority list seemed to be a case in which the Planning Group allowed a small group of people who may not represent the majority opinion of the community to influence that decision.

Item 3b. Group Forum.

- Lory Walls (Dehesa) reported that Sue Waters of the Jamul Planning Group had contacted her about proposed locations of hiking and riding trails in the Jamul Subregion, and had requested that the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Group consider making adjustments to its Subregional hiking and riding trails to connect with those in Jamul. (Chairman Riggs agreed to include this trails issue on the agenda of the May meeting.
- Jeff Pasek (Crest) informed the Group that the Management Plan for the Crestridge Preserve is due to be circulated for public review in May, and that he would like the Planning Group to have a public discussion of the Plan when it is available.

Item 4. Committee Reports.

- 2020 General Plan Update. Jack Vandover reported that the Steering Committee for the 2020 General Plan Update met for 3 hours on 15 March, and continued the meeting on 22 March, reviewing the draft versions of the Land Use Elements. He also reported that the next meeting of the Steering Committee will be 26 April.

Item 5. Private Project Proposal. P03-124, Scott T-Mobile Wireless appeal of Planning Commission denial. Chairman Riggs reviewed the history of Planning Group actions concerning P03-124 for the T-Mobile application to construct a cellular telephone antenna site (stealth tower and equipment compound) at the Scott residence in Crest. The Planning Group recommended conditional approval of the project in January 2007. A temporary cellular telephone antenna tower was installed, removed, re-installed and removed once again on the Scott property during the still unfinished permit process. Most recently the Planning Commission denied approval of a Major Use Permit for a permanent tower installation based on the availability of a preferred location for the antennas on a Padre Dam Municipal Water District tank nearby. There are unresolved access issues for utilizing the County-preferred water tank site; T-Mobile has not obtained an easement for access to the preferred site. The Board of Supervisors will consider T-Mobile's appeal of the Planning Commission denial on 14 May.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group recommends that the Board of Supervisors does not approve the Scott site for the T-Mobile antenna site project proposed in P03-124, as this does not fit the County's recommended zoning categories for cellular telephone antenna sites. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 6a. Public Project Proposal. POD 08-008, Board Policy I-63 Sunset Review. Chairman Wally Riggs reviewed the County's proposal to change Policy I-63 regarding the application, approval, appeal and expiration rules concerning the Plan Amendment Authorization (PAA), including establishing a June 2009 deadline for completion of all PAAs, and a December 2009 deadline for review of the policy.

Wally Riggs moved that the Planning Group advises the Department of Planning and Land Use that the Planning Group supports the proposed changes to Policy I-63. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 6b. Public Project Proposal. POD 08-009, Noise Ordinance Amendment. Chairman Wally Riggs reviewed the County's proposal to amend the Noise Ordinance to clarify excessive noise standards and to upgrade enforcement ability. Discussion by members of the Group and the public focused on the differences between the levels of sound that equipment emits and sound measured some distance away at a property line.

Wally Riggs moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of Noise Ordinance amendments and rewording as proposed in POD 08-009. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain: Knutson, Myrick).

Item 6c. Public Project Proposal. Consolidation of East County and San Miguel Fire Districts. Chairman Wally Riggs reviewed the proposed amendment of the sphere of influence of the San Miguel Fire District to enable the merging of the East County Fire District with San Miguel to form the San Miguel Consolidated Fire District. The Board of Directors of both fire districts have requested this merger that will merge the assets of the two districts, retain their employees, keep the Crest station open and operating, and retain existing paramedic services. The East County Fire District debt will be retired before the proposed consolidation.

Wally Riggs moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the proposed merging of the San Miguel and East County Fire Districts into the San Miguel Consolidated Fire District, provided all the technicalities can be resolved by LAFCO and the two districts. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Knutson).

Item 7. Unfinished Business. Sunrise Powerlink Project. Bill Bretz provided a brief report on the progress of the Powerlink application process with the California Public Utilities Commission. He also showed two maps from the Sunrise Powerlink Project DEIR/EIS and referenced the document's description of the "Modified Route D Alternative and Draft Programmatic EIS Corridor" (Figure E.4.1-1a), and "SWPL Alternatives 500kV Future Expansion" (Figure E.1.1-6), and explained that the West of Forest Alternative route through the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregion would be utilized for future expansion of the transmission grid if the Modified Route D Alternative is approved for the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

Item 8. New Business. Acceptance of resignation of member Robert K. Fligg. Chairman Riggs announced that Robert Fligg, Harbison Canyon representative for Seat 9 on the Planning Group, had submitted a letter of resignation from the Group. Riggs moved that the Planning Group accepts with its regrets the resignation of Robert Fligg from the Group, and that it declares Seat 9 vacant. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Chairman Riggs stated that the vacated Seat 9 current term ends on 31 December 2008, and that he will place a public advertisement for persons seeking appointment to fill Seat 9 to the end of the term.

<Pat Ulm moved adjournment at 2105 hours. The motion passed unanimously. >

Respectfully submitted, William L. Bretz (Secretary)